

## THEY MAKE THEIR OWN GOWNS

How Women Save Money and Learn Trade at the Same Time.

An Interesting Institution. A School Where Women Learn to Cut and Fit and Trim for Home Economies or for a Profession. How it is Divided.



he reduction in the price of dress materials and the simplicity of the spring fashions tempt one to believe that pretty gowns are within the reach of all, but a visit to the average dressmaker rather dispels this delusion, and women are beginning to see that in order to dress well on a small income it is necessary for them to know something of the art of dressmaking.

A number of interesting institutions where women can learn to make their own clothing and learn a trade at the same time have recently been started in New York. The largest and most successful is managed by a quakeress, a little woman who started teaching her system in a small bedroom, and has since enlarged it until it now occupies an entire floor in the Art Interchange building.

Innumerable little schools are carried on throughout the city for the purpose of teaching dressmaking as a trade to women who wish to follow the profession, but this school is unique. It is a place where women go to make their own gowns under the instruction of the best cutters and fitters in the country.

The school is divided into three departments. The first and most important is that for the making of gowns; the second for the production of artistic millinery, and the third a show room of the pupils' work.

It is in the dress cutting department where the foundation of the work is laid. In this room there are from 75 to 100 women of all ages at work. The pupils vary in age from 12 to 50. They receive individual instruction and are taught to cut by the actual measure of the form, which is taken by a tape line. The drafting is done by a square laid directly upon the material, thus avoiding the use of patterns. The result of this ingenious little instrument has entirely abolished the fitting-room. It is so accurate in its measurements that a gown cut from them almost never needs altering.

The first glimpse into this room is not particularly interesting. It gives one the impression that it is like any one of a hundred of its kind that may be found within a radius of half a mile, but by giving a few of the groups of workers individual attention it is easy to see that there is much to be found of uncommon interest. On some cutting tables to the left of the main entrance are piles of exquisite velvet, tulle, and silks. These are surrounded by merry, chattering women, who are busily discussing the fashion plates in some French periodicals. "But I never took a stitch in my life," says one, "and I am quite sure that I should only ruin the material by cutting it. Don't you think," she adds, turning to the head cutter, "that I would better begin on something cheaper, say a cambric or aingham?"

"As you like it," replied the good-natured cutter with a shrug of her French shoulders; "ask your friend in the pink waist, and see what she thinks."

The friend in the pink waist (announces that the garment she is at work on is the first she has ever made, and that under the supervision of the cutter and finisher she would have no fear of attempting a ten-dollar brocade. This announcement gives the rest of the group courage, and during the next fifteen minutes nothing is heard from that quarter of the room but the clip, clip, of the sharp scissors.

"These women," says the mistress of the establishment, "are from an up-town hotel. They formed a little circle, and have come down here to make their summer clothes. The girls at the table below are working girls who come here to learn a trade, and incidentally do so by making their own clothes." In the hands of these girls were to be found snowy-white undergarments, pretty gingham and fresh, crisp muslins. One, a girl about sixteen, was busily engaged in draping the white lace over a snowy man's vesting. It was evidently a graduating gown for her.

In a corner, a little apart from the others stood two young girls. The tallest was standing to have a white silk skirt draped on her. As soon as the last pin was placed she stepped before a long mirror to gaze the effect of her new gown. "It isn't quite right," said a girl behind her, with a mischievous smile.

"Why, what is the matter with it?" inquired the anxious wearer.

"It needs the orange blossoms," answered the first speaker, as she buried her laughing face in a pile of white muslin.

The girl before the mirror blushed, and was about to turn away, when a third girl came forward wearing a lace veil, which she pinned on to the golden hair. A wreath of orange blossoms surrounded this, and before the school stood a laughing and blushing bride.

The girl was the daughter of people in the same circumstances. She was cu-

gaged to be married and, like all girls, wanted to have a pretty trousseau. She could not afford to hire a first-class dressmaker, and would not be satisfied with inferior work; so she decided that by coming to a dressmaking school she would not only save the money which she would otherwise have had to pay out to a dressmaker, but would be able to buy better and more lasting material. In the bargain she would have a knowledge of dressmaking, which is always useful to a good housewife.

## COLD ON TAP.

The Latest Invention to Defy Sol's Fierce Rays.

It is in these sizzling June days that the attention of most people is directed to keeping cool. Various methods have been devised.

It remained for Mr. B. Franklin Purvis of Monmouth, N. J., to solve the problem. Mr. Purvis is an inventor. To him is attributed the origination of the "complete consumer," by which coal is burned without leaving a residuum of ashes or clinkers. Not less startling are some of his other inventions. At a recent convention of capitalists in New York, he unfolded his scheme.

"You see," said Mr. Purvis, "you have those heat registers idle half the year. They are valuable in the winter to a certain extent, but they are an eyesore in the summer.

"The company which I represent proposes establishing stations in convenient parts of the city from which will be distributed to our patrons through proper pipe connections anhydrous ammonia. This will be delivered under heavy pressure, and when released the expansion is so great that it absorbs all the heat in the atmosphere, and the effect is to produce intense cold.

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## To Discover a Cure For Leprosy.

"Is leprosy curable, and what are the best means for its control?"

The solution of this question is now being determined by the board of health at Honolulu, and, according to recent advices from Hawaii, the matter is taking practical shape. Within the past month the board has established at Kailua, near the city of Honolulu, a hospital which has for its purpose the treatment of patients suffering from leprosy, and a careful study of the disease, with a view to discovering, if possible, some remedy for its cure.—Washington Post.

## Saviors of Old Times.

Two 16-year-old lads, while singing in Woodstock, Ky., had a misunderstanding, drew knives, and one of them fell dead from a severing of the carotid artery. There is too much of the old time Kentucky spirit about this occurrence. It savors of the day and fame of Colonel Bowie.

## Have the Wrong Saw by the Ear.

A newspaper correspondent has been expelled from a Michigan college for telling his paper a few queer things which happened there. Up to a late hour no students had been expelled for being the heroes of the stories.—Chicago News.

## He Wants Smoke.

A Minneapolis man offers to buy smoke from neighboring factories, if it is piped to his building. He figures that he can get a good deal of waste out of the smoke by means of a smoke consuming device.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

## He'll Learn.

That poor man in New York who found \$2,000 and turned it over to a policeman had only been in this country two years. It is evident that he has not taken to a political career on this side.—Detroit Free Press.



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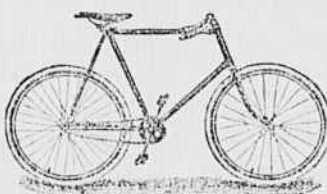
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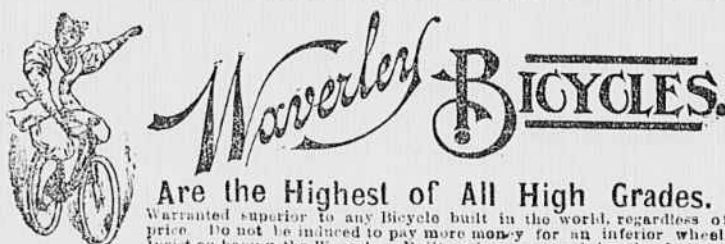
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